GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TO AND FROM BANGALORE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of international flights of Air India being operated to and from Bangalore;

(b) whether there is a demand for increasing Air India flights to and from Bangalore;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the criteria regarding minimum number of passengers required for Air India to operate flights?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a): Air India operates tri-weekly flights between Bangalore and Dubai and four hub and spoke flights which give convenient connections over Mumbai to Gulf and Europe regions. In addition, Air India also operates Bi-weekly codeshare flights between Bangalore and Kuala Lumpur (with Malaysian Airlines).

(b), (c) and (d): Yes, Sir. There is demand for increasing Air India services from many places including Bangalore to various destination in Gulf, Europe and USA. However, flight on a particular route is started based on a comparative study of competing routes after evaluation of various parameters like expected traffic, yield, availability of sutaible aircraft in the fleet and other resources. Effective December 2003, Air India proposes to increase the capacity to Chicago via Frankfurt by introducing 3 frequencies Mumbai/Frankfurt/Chicago and vice versa. Two ofthe Chicago flights are proposed to be extended to Bangalore making it a direct USA/Bangalore flight.